# Note to Stakeholders

The State of Iowa Department of Education originally submitted a Part B Annual Performance Report to the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), on February 1, 2008.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, OSEP provided States with feedback on the initial submission, and allowed States to clarify information prior to OSEP's determination of compliance.

Stakeholders who have downloaded a Part B APR between January 31, 2008 and April 30, 2008, should note the following changes. The changes are consistent with the Part B APR posted May 1, 2008, and pagination below will not match APRs downloaded between January 31, 2008 and April 30, 2008.

# a. Pagination

- 1. Page numbers have changed due to addition of content. The page numbers identified below represent the pages in the Part B APR posted on May 1, 2008, in which changes have been made.
- 2. The Table of Contents has been edited to reflect pagination changes.

### b. Indicator B4A.

- 1. A page break was added on page 43 to keep the section heading and text in proximity
- 2. Explanatory text and Table B4.1 were added on Page 43. The text introduces Table B4.1 as having actual numbers used in the calculations. Subsequent numeration of tables in B4 was amended to reflect seriation.
- 3. A page break was deleted on page 52/53 so that the graphic art and text for the review protocol were on the same rather than separate pages.

### c. Indicator B5

- 1. In the original submission, the calculation for Indicator B5C included correctional facilities, resulting in a discrepancy between Iowa's 618 table (3.6%) and Iowa's APR submission (3.9%) for B5C.
  - a. Figures B5.3 (page 59) and B5.6 (page 62), and Table B5.3 (page 62) were amended to reflect the accurate data and correct calculation. The revised calculation impacted the target, with Iowa now meeting the target for Indicator 5C. Subsequent text was edited to reflect Iowa's meeting the target for Indicator 5C and the performance of AEAs on 5C.
  - b. Text within *Explanation of Progress and Slippage that Occurred for FFY 2006 (2006-2007)* (page 64) was amended for B5C to reflect the accurate calculation of 3.60% and the SEA explanation of progress.

#### d. Indicator B8

- 1. A sentence appears on pages 86, 87, 88, and 89 to clarify that Tables B8.9 and B8.10 have the actual numbers used in the calculations.
- 2. Tables B8.9 (page 90) and B8.10 (page 90), and introductory text, were added. These tables provide the actual numbers used to calculate the measurement.

### e. Indicator B13

1. Table B13.5 was added on page 147 to included unweighted and weighted numbers used in the calculation for B13. Subsequent table numbers were modified for seriation.

### f. Indicator B14

- 1. Text from the 2005 Response table was added on page 161 to emphasize that Iowa's sampling plan had been accepted prior to the FFY 2006 (2006-2007) SPP. In addition, issues with implementation of the sampling plan, and subsequent procedural safeguards implemented by the SEA in FFY 2006 (2006-2007) and beyond, are summarized. Headings were changed to more clearly describe the content summarized in each subsection.
- 2. Text has been inserted at different sections within the *Collection and Analysis of Baseline Data* (pages 161-162) to highlight use of valid and reliable: (a) sampling, (b) instrumentation, and (c) administration.
- 3. Table and figure titles were changed to reflect the primary and supplemental studies.
- 4. Tables B14.7 (primary study) and B14.8 (supplemental study) were added on page 166. The primary study used unweighted and weighted numbers used in calculating baseline. The supplemental study used unweighted Ns. Subsequent tables were renumbered to maintain seriation.
- 5. Tables B14.9 (page 168) and B14.10 (page 168) were amended to provide actual numbers used in the calculations.
- 6. Targets were changed to reflect improvement over baseline. The targets within the table have been revised accordingly (page 170).
- 7. Table B14.11 (page 171) was amended to include unweighted and weighted numbers used in the calculations.
- 8. *Improvement Activities / Timelines / Resources:* (page 172), a sentence has been added to that the SEA will examine data in FFY 2007 (2007-2008) to determine if State targets for B14 need to be reset.
- 9. On page 173, the SEA has changed the text and timeline for the first improvement activity in Table B. 14.12 to demonstrate that the SEA has

procedures in place to monitor the representativeness of the sample obtained for B14.

## g. Indicator B15

- 1. Table B15.1 (pages 191-192) was amended to account for programspecific steps taken by the SEA to address findings in Table B15.1 not corrected and verified no later than one year from identification.
  - a. Essential Question 2 (including Indicator B4) was amended as having 341 findings corrected and verified no later than one-year from identification.
  - b. General Supervision, Child Find, 60 Day Timeline (Indicator B11) was amended as having 11 findings corrected and verified no later than one year from identification.
  - c. The Total for number of findings from (a) for which correction was verified no later than one year from identification was changed to total 794. The percent calculation was changed to 794/794=100.00.
- 2. Figure B15.1 (page 193) was changed to reflect the corrected calculation, and corresponding text was edited to reflect meeting the target.
- 3. Program-specific actions taken to address findings not corrected no later than one year from identification, were added is the section *Summary of Corrective Actions of SEA for Indicator 15* after Table B15.2 (page 194).

#### h. Indicator B20

- 1. A chronology has been created to reflect Iowa's original FFY 2006 (2006-2007) submission on 2.1.08 (Table B20.2, pages 233-234), OSEP's proposed rubric for Iowa for FFY 2006 (2006-2007) (Table B20.3, pages 235-236), Iowa's response to OSEP's scoring (Table B20.4, pages 237-238).
- 2. Text has been added on page 237 to provide rationale for:
  - a. Correct Calculation of Indicator B5,
  - b. Iowa's B10 being included as NA in the table,
  - c. B13 having *Valid and Reliable* data,
  - d. Iowa's changes in B14 (f above), resulting in *Valid and Reliable* data.
  - e. B18 having NA for *Valid and Reliable* and for *Correct Calculation*
  - f. OSEP recognition that EDEN/EDFacts submissions in 2007 were *Timely*